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Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 48th and 55th meetings, on 26 May and 25 June 2009. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.48 and 55).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (A/63/549 and Corr.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 (A/63/709);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/746/Add.10).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.58

4. At its 55th meeting, on 25 June 2009, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/63/L.58), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Kenya.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.58 without a vote (see para. 6 below).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1840 (2008) of 14 October 2008, by which the Security Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 October 2009,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/261 of 20 June 2008,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 30 April 2009, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 132.8 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other

[1] A/63/549 and Corr.1 and A/63/709.

[2] A/63/746/Add.10.

Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of the facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Takes note* of paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Administrative Questions,[2] and emphasizes the importance of providing appropriate training for national staff, as it contributes to building national capacity;

12. *Also takes note* of paragraphs 32 and 47 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Budgetary and Administrative Questions;[2]

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

16. *Stresses* the importance of hiring Haitian nationals against national posts in the Mission, taking into account the need to promote national capacity-building and in order to bring to the Mission experience and knowledge of the local culture, language traditions and institutions, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure accurate and timely posting of vacancy announcements for national staff on the Mission website;

17. *Decides* to allocate up to 3 million dollars for quick-impact projects for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the coordination between the Mission, the United Nations country team and other United Nations entities, including in addressing the root causes of unexpected emergencies, such as the unrest generated by the food crisis in Haiti;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

19. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

20. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 638,706,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, inclusive of 611,751,200 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 22,433,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 4,521,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

21. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 186,289,366 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 October 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in General Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

22. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,914,321 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,102,960 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 681,161 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 130,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

23. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 452,417,034 dollars for the period from 16 October 2009 to 30 June 2010 at a monthly rate of 53,225,533 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in its resolution

[3] A/63/549 and Corr.1.

61/237, and for 2010,[4] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

24. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 11,934,779 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 9,964,340 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,654,239 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 316,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

25. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 19,025,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

26. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 19,025,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 25 above;

27. *Also decides* that the increase in the estimated staff assessment income of 44,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2008 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 19,025,400 dollars referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26 above;

28. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".

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[4] To be adopted by the General Assembly.